Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1607 Private
William Brown Wood

3rd Pioneer Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Pion: Btn

WOOD
Wm.Brown 1607

"In Hpl"

Died 21-10-17
Cert. by letter from O.C.Kitchener M.Hpl 31-10-17

M

London
2-11-17

"I.M."

Dangerously ill slightly worse
Sert. by letter from O.C. Mitchener M.Hpl 18-10-17.

London
18-10-17

A.I.F. 3rd Fion: Btn

WOOD
Wm. Brown 1607

"ILL"

Adm. About the same - no improvement
Cert. by letter from O.C.Kitchener M.Hpl 25-9-17

M

London
26-9-17

A.I.F. 3rd Pion: Btn

WOOD
Wm. Brown 1607

"ILL"

Still in Hpl 17-7-17 - slight improvement 26-7-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 11-8-17

Still seriously ill, no change in condition
Cert. by letter from O.C. 3-9-17 Kitchener's Hpl

H

London
3-9-17

3rd Pioneer Batn
A.I.F.

Pte. W.B½ Wood
1607

III May-June-July.

He is in a dangerous condition and has been for four or five months. He has an abscess on the appendix and his abdomen is in a very bad state. Sister in Charge tells me she regards the case very seriously but the patient does not, he often speaks of returning to Australia he is naturally often moody and depressed but is very well cared for indeed. He has all sorts of luxuries provided by the Hospital and there is also a lady of Brighton Mrs. Gordon Canning who is specially kind to him and send in a dinner for him everyday and also provides champayne and port wine. I am sure everything possible is being done for him.

The Red Cross representative visits him at least twice a week

~~Letter from~~

Cert. by Visitor Kitchener's M.H.
29th Sep. 1917

London.
2.10.17.

M

3rd Pioneers Battn.
A.I.F.

Wood.
Pte. W. B. 1607

"Died of Appendicitis.Abscess"

I beg to report that he was admitted to this Hospital from France 2.3.17 suffering from acute appendix abscess. Operations were performed, but recurrent abdominal abscesses continued. A subphrenic abscess formed, bursting into the lung, causing septic broncho pneumonia, from which he died at 6.45.a.m. 21.10.17. The Burial took place on the 24th ult. at Brighton Cemetery at 2.30.p.m. The service was conducted (by request) by the Rev.Hugh Shearer, Presbyterian Minister. Major Grimshaw (resident Chaplain) and the Rev.Shearer were both most attentive and kind to Pte.Wood during his long illness. I can assure you everything was done for the comfort of the sufferer. Mrs.Morris and Mrs.Jackson, relatives of deceased from Sheffield attended the funeral, full particulars relating to illness and death were given to them. The small effects of deceased were forwarded to the O/c Records A.I.F. and will eventually be sent by them to Mr. Wood (father) in Australia.

Letter from:-

The O.C.
Kitchener Mil. Hospital.
Brighton. 14.11.17.

London.
6.12.17.

H.

3td Aust. Pioneers,
A I F

WOOD
Pte. W.B. 1607

"Died of illness"

You will have heard no doubt from the Central office at Kitcheners that one of our Corps who has been seriously ill for some moths and whom I wrote to the enquiry office about, has died i.e. Pte. W.B. Wood 1607 3rd Pioneer Batn. Everything possible was done for him by everyone who came in touch with him , he had made quite a number of good friends in Brighton who were very kind indeed to him, and the sister-in-charge of his ward was especially good to him. She has written a long letter to his mother and I believe the chaplain has also done so.

Letter from:-
J.V. DeRavin.
5 Denmark Terrace
Brighton. 5th11.17.

London.
8.11.17.

H

O.C's Draft. Nov 2nd

The Matron
Kitchener Military Hospital
Brighton.

Re No 1607 Pte W.B. Wood 3rd Pioneers
Bn A.I.F.

died of illness on 21-10-17.

51st Batt, B. Coy
A.I.F.

Morris,
Sgt. J.W. 1866

"Died of Wounds 4.4.17"

I saw him wounded in the charge at Morlei. He was wounded through the stomach with a bullet. As we were advancing I did not see any more of him, but I heard later that he had died, but I cannot refer to anyone for particulars.

Witness:- Jones,
Pte. S.J. 2436.
51st Batt, B. Coy, 5th Pltn
3rd A.A.Hosp
Dartford

W. Oman 15.10.17

London 18.10.17

P.I.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8858.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John.
54, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

To The Officer Commanding

Kitchener Military Hospital

Died 21/10/17

29 Oct, 1917.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to further obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or

wounds of 1607 Pte W.B. Wood 3 Pion Bn A.I.F.,

who was admitted to your hospital ——

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply.

We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

for The Secretary.

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Kitchener Hosp: Brighton

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Yours faithfully,

The Secretary.

16-12-17.

160. Pte. Wood.

Very much ill. Slightly wounded.

Cavanagh Capt.

To Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
54, Victoria Street.

Medical Officer's report as requested, please.

L. R. Shum.
Capt. Registrar,
for Colonel,
C.C.Kitchener Mil. Hosp.
Brighton.

16.10.17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Headquarters:
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON,
S.W.

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

29th Sep 1914

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Wounded & Missing Bureau

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LONDON,
S.W.

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This is Special Xmid Tin & sends in
2 Limes for Tin every day & also besides
Champagne & Cordoline. I am sure everything
possible is being done for Tin
The Australian Red + representative visits
Tin at least twice a week.

Yours faithfully
Lt. Col. Visiting
L. F. De Rom Inspector
(for Matron)

Yr Boy Jack

Pte. Return
Pte. Mitchell

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Headquarters:
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON,
S.W.

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

3. Denmark Terrace
Brighton
9th Feb. 1915

Dear Sirs.

You will have heard from the Secretary of War of our boy who has been wounded & ill for some months & from whom we have not had a line since Dec. 1st. His Regt. is the 1st Batt. Aust. & N.Z. Expeditionary Force. Regt. No. 1603. Pte. Wood. 1607. 3rd Aus. Div.

Everything possible was done for him by everyone & he was in such good health & spirits when he left home & especially good to him. We have written to him letters & he must have got them. Can you help us to find out where he is & how he is. Thanking you in advance

Yours sincerely
T. H. Wood

M.3.

Kitchener Military Hospital,
Brighton.

To:
The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street. S.W.1

No. 1607.
[illegible]e. Wood, W.H.
[illegible]l. Fnrs. A.I.F.

DECEASED.

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KITCHENER MILITARY HOSPITAL
No. [illegible]
Date
BRIGHTON

M.

Capt. Registrar,
for Colonel. O.C.
Kitchener Military Hospital.

5.11.17